



WHERE *Brilliance* BEGINS

Dear Middle School Families,

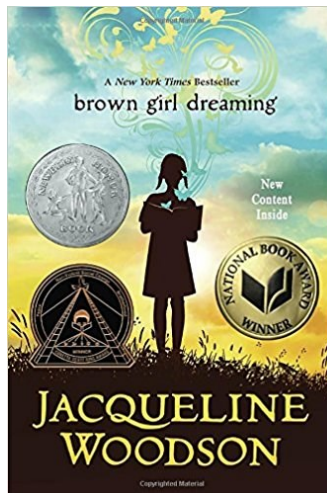
Welcome to summer! As we look forward to the 2018-2019 school year, the Middle School teachers would like to share their summer reading assignments with you. **Your student should read the book/s listed below for the grade they will be entering in the fall. They will then participate in a class project based on the required book/s during the first week of school. In addition, have your student fill out the attached reading log over the summer which will be turned in on the first day of school.**

Warm Regards,

The Middle School Faculty

Rising 5th Grade:

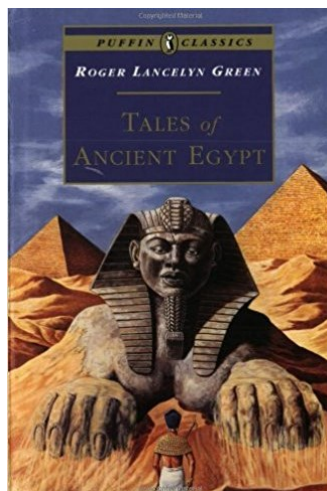
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Chosen for the connection to our 5th grade focus of empathy for others.

Rising 6th Grade:

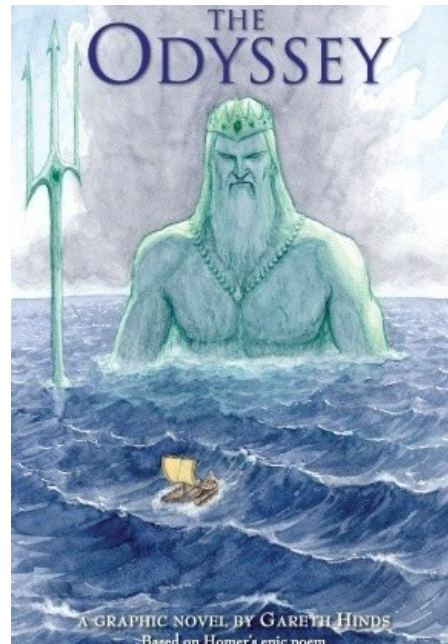
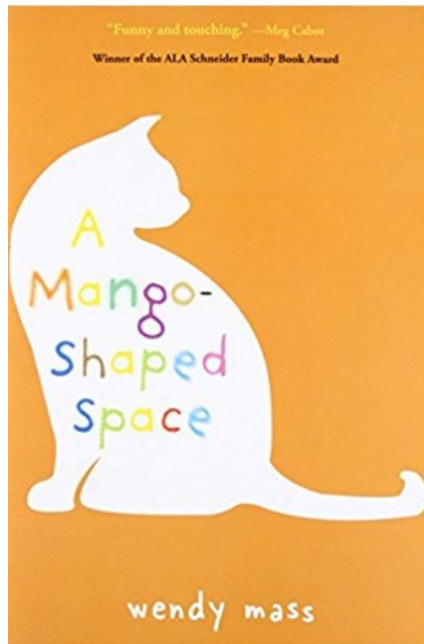
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Chosen for the connection to the social studies curriculum.

Rising 7th Grade:

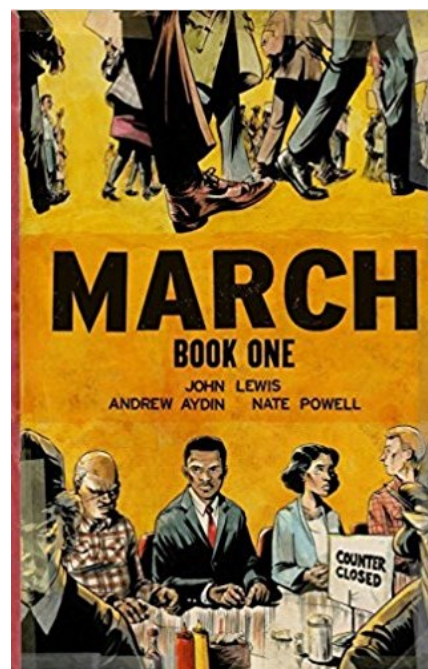
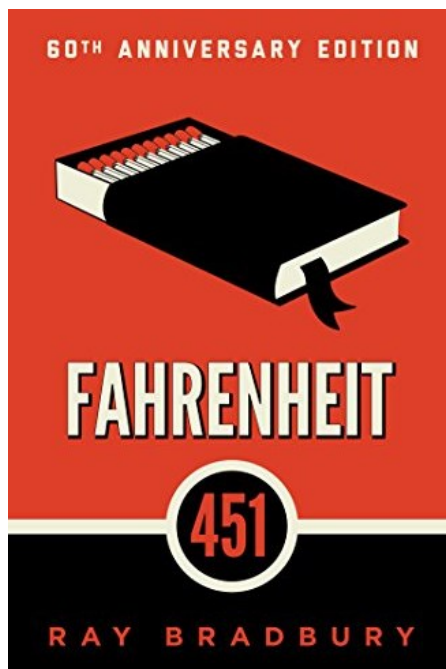
Please read both of these books and one other book of your choice. (3 books total)



A Mango Shaped Space was chosen for the connection to the language arts curriculum and The Odyssey was chosen for the connection to the social studies curriculum.

Rising 8th Grade:

Please read both of these books and one other book of your choice. (3 books total)



All three books have been chosen for their connection to the language arts and social studies curriculum.

Additional reading suggestions:

Rising 5th Grade:

Kizzy Ann Stamps by Jeri Watts

Project Mulberry by Linda Sue Park

The Dreadful, Smelly Colonies by Elizabeth Raum

Heart and Soul: The Story of America and African Americans by Kadir Nelson

Inside Out & Back Again by Thanhha Lai

Mockingbird by Kathryn Erskine

The One and Only Ivan by Katherine Applegate

Out of My Mind by Sharon M. Draper

...If You Sailed on the Mayflower in 1620 by Ann McGovern

DK Eyewitness Books: American Revolution by Stuart Murray

How to Steal a Dog by Barbara O'Connor

Diary of a 6th Grade Ninja by Marcus Emerson

Rising 6th grade:

Island of the Blue Dolphins by Scott O'Dell

Out of the Dust by Karen Hesse

Among the Hidden by Margaret Haddix

The Golden Goblet by Eloise Jarvis McGraw

Number the Stars by Lois Lowry

Dragon Keeper by Carole Wilkinson

Amistad: A Long Road to Freedom by Walter Dean Myers

Red Scarf Girl: A Memoir of the Cultural Revolution by Ji-Li Jiang

The Percy Jackson Series by Rick Riordan

Artemis Fowl by Eoin Colfer

Becoming Naomi Leon by Pam Muñoz Ryan

Additional reading suggestions:

Rising 7th Grade:

The Crossover Series by Kwame Alexander

Posted by John David Anderson

March Forward, Girl by Melba Pattillo Beals

The War that Saved My Life by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley

Shakespeare's Secret by Elise Broach

Ender's Game Series by Orson Scott Card

The Hunger Games Series by Suzanne Collins

Waiting for Normal by Leslie Connor

Money Hungry by Sharon G. Flake

The Graveyard Book by Neil Gaiman

House Arrest by K.A. Holt

The Girl Who Owned a City by O.T. Nelson

A Wrinkle in Time Series by Madeleine L'Engle

The Contender by Robert Lipsyte

White Fang by Jack London

The Giver Series by Lois Lowry

Ryan Quinn and the Rebel's Escape Series by Ron McGee

Colin Fischer by Ashley Edward Miller

Eragon Series by Christopher Paolini

A Long Walk to Water by Linda Sue Park

Same But Different by Holly Robinson Peete

Boy 21 by Matthew Quick

The Westing Game by Ellen Raskin

Ghost by Jason Reynolds

Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them by J.K. Rowling

Counting by 7s by Holly Goldberg Sloan

Peak by Roland Smith

Maniac Magee by Jerry Spinelli

When You Reach Me by Rebecca Stead

The Mysterious Benedict Society Series by Trenton Stewart

The Hobbit by J.R.R. Tolkien

Paperboy by Vince Vawter

Age of Miracles by Karen Thompson Walker Daddy Long Legs by Jean Webster

Additional reading suggestions:

Rising 8th Grade:

I Kill the Mockingbird by Paul Acampora

The Boy in the Striped Pajamas by John Boyne

The Boys in the Boat by Daniel James Brown

The Tyrant's Daughter (J.C. Carleson)

All Fall Down *Embassy Row Series* by Ally Carter

And Then There Were None (Agatha Christie)

The Alchemist (Paulo Coelho)

Maze Runner *Series* by James Dashner

Caraval by Stephanie Garber

Girl in the Blue Coat by Monica Hesse

Unbroken by Laura Hillenbrand

Every Falling Star by Sungju Lee

I Am Number Four *Series* by Pittacus Lore

Legend by Marie Lu

Hidden Talents by David Lubar

Confessions of an Ugly Stepsister by Gregory Maguire

Cherub *Series* by Robert Muchamore

Monster (Walter Dean Myers)

Animal Farm by George Orwell

My Sister's Keeper (Jodi Picoult)

Friedrich (Hans Peter Richter)

All We Have is Now by Lisa Schroeder

Hidden Figures by Margot Lee Shetterly

Unwind *Series* by Neal Shusterman

Chasing Lincoln's Killer by James L. Swanson

The Uglies *Series* by Scott Westerfield